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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Stephen M. D'Agosta	2683	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 January 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2, 7-10, 13-16 and 19-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6, 11, 12, 17 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 1-19-2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

1. The drawing changes are acknowledged. Thank you.

2. The examiner notes that the claims are written in a broad fashion and do not provide specifics to constrain the examiner's ability to broadly interpret the claims. Case in point, the term "universal message handler" is not a concise term and therefore can be broadly interpreted.

As a second point, note that it is well known in mobile systems for software (eg. such as a message handler) to be located either in the network and/or in the mobile device (Sears teaches software loaded on the mobile device which can discern message/data types and "handle" this traffic).

The examiner invites the applicant to amend their claims to more distinctly define their invention.

3. After further review and in consideration of the pending claim amendments, the examiner believes the ***following claims to be novel: 3-6, 11-12 and 17-18.***

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-2, 5, 7-10, 12 13-16 17 and 19-20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sears et al. US 2002/0069263 and further in view of Gibbons et al. US 2004/0034853.

As per **claims 1, 9 and 15**, Sears teaches a method for an application management system (figure 1) to allow an Java MIDlet executing on a mobile device to access a universal message handler (Para 30 teaches a mobile device running J2ME and Para 31 teaches downloading MIDlets to mobile devices), the method comprising:

receiving from the universal message handler a reference to the Java Midlet, and the universal message handler being located on the mobile information device (Para 42 teaches a server automatically notifying the user of a new version of an application ready for download, which reads on the claim, eg. the server entity contains the universal message handler. Para 43 teaches the mobile device having capability to customize a "search path" based on user preferences which reads on universal message handling since message/data are passed between the mobile device and the network. Therefore, one skilled can interpret Sears as teaching UMH capability both in the network and in the mobile.);

receiving from the universal message handler a key associated with the reference location (Sears teaches use of security/authentication/trust, Para #12 and also "providing a direct link to allow users to upgrade automatically" software they have stored on their device, para. #42 which reads on the claim);

launching the Java MIDlet on the mobile information device (Para 32 teaches the Java platform running applications such as "...e-commerce, stock trading and banking.." whereby the MIDlet is launched/run to support/view/use the downloaded data);

passing the location to the Java Midlet (Para 42 teaches using MIDlet-Info-URL information which reads on the claim while this same paragraph also discloses providing a link to allow users to automatically upgrade application software, which is interpreted as a location being sent for the user to access); and

passing the key to the Java Midlet, wherein the Java Midlet gains access to the universal message handler by returning the key to the universal message handler (Sears teaches use of security/authentication/trust, Para #12 and also “providing a direct link to allow users to upgrade automatically” software they have stored on their device, para. #42 which reads on the claim).

But is silent on use of a URI.

Gibbons teaches (paragraph 46) use of URI's and the URI specifying information for the downloadable object (paragraph 59). Both Para. 64 and Para 69 teach needing a URI to identify where the network resource/application/data is located – hence the URI is passed to the Midlet for use by the mobile device. Para. 71 teaches a separate WAD for each download, hence the WAD is required in order for the Midlet to know where to access the data.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to modify Sears, such that URI's are used, to provide means for supporting any/all location indicators such as URL's, Windows Path statements, etc..

As per **claims 2, 10 and 16**, Sears teaches claim 1/9/15 further comprising a computer readable medium having stored therein instructions for causing a processor to execute the steps of the method (see figure 1 which shows user device #140 and Repository Servers #101 each requiring computer software programs to execute the system's operation).

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As per **claims 7, 13 and 19**, Sears teaches claim 1/9/15 wherein the Java Midlet is a Java 2 Micro Edition (J2ME) MIDlet (see Para 30 -- "With the release of the Java 2 Micro Edition (J2ME) platform, and particularly the Connected Limited Device Configuration (CLDC) from Sun Microsystems.TM., a small-footprint Java runtime environment developed directly for the mobile device market is now available. CLDC specifies the features of the Java virtual machine (VM) and the core developer libraries to be used for small, low-power, memory-constrained devices.....Unlike WAP, J2ME does not create another Internet for devices, instead it provides a direct path for tying existing mobile devices into "the" Internet..")

As per **claims 8, 14 and 20**, Sears teaches claim 1/9/15, wherein the mobile information device is a mobile phone, a personal digital assistant or a two-way pager (Para 34 teaches a PDA or other wired/wireless devices being supported).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-6, 11-12 and 17-18 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Based on the recent amendment, these claims recite novel material not found in the prior art of record.

Conclusion

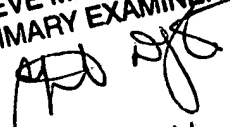
Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. D'Agosta whose telephone number is 571-272-7862. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bill Trost can be reached on 571-272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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